

The following actions are scheduled to begin at noon

Region 5 OEC posts data showing manganese emissions from SH Bell have exceeded the health-based standard.

Region 5 OEC sends data link to those listed below with the following statement: *This email is to inform you that EPA has found manganese levels that exceed the health-based screening level at the S.H. Bell facility in Chicago. Four months of PM10 metals air monitoring data from the S.H. Bell facility for March 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017, show an average concentration of 0.32 ug/m3 of manganese. The Minimal Risk Level for chronic inhalation exposure to manganese is 0.3 ug/m3. EPA has reached out to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the City of Chicago and community groups to notify them of the levels and coordinate a response. EPA is committed to protecting public health by ensuring S.H. Bell complies with the Clean Air Act. The data can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/il/sh-bell-chicago-air-monitoring-data>.*

IEPA
Illinois AG
City of Chicago
DOJ
ATSDR
Sen. Durbin
Sen. Duckworth
U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly

Sierra Club
NRDC
Southeast Chicago Environmental Task Forces
Northwestern University Law Clinic
The Coalition to Ban Petcoke

ORC issues an NOV to SH Bell. Illinois EPA, the Illinois Attorney General, ATSDR, City of Chicago, OECA, and DOJ were informed late last week of pending NOV and raised no issues. ORC also spoke to counsel for SH Bell who was aware of the exceedance of the standard because the company had done its own calculations. SH Bell is installing a temporary baghouse on one of its sources but is perplexed by the continued high numbers. Counsel noted that SH Bell is a batch operation, yet the manganese numbers were constant.

Region 5 OEC issues press release announcing NOV to Chicago area media / shares it with those notified of data posting.

